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CLUB ISSUES "LAST CALL" FOR RESERVATIONS TO
GALA DINNER AT WALDORF ASTORIA NEXT WEDNESDAY

Soprano Claudia Pinza Will Entertain Guests
At Affair Expected to Attract More
Than 1,000 Members, Friends

"Only five days to send in your reservations and checks!" -- That was the word this week from Club Headquarters, which issued a "last call" for Members and guests to rush their invitation acceptances to the OPC's Awards Presentation Dinner next Wednesday, May 16, in the Waldorf-Astoria's Grand Ballroom (See enclosed post card). Subscriptions for a Member and one guest are \$9 each, while additional guests may secure reservations for \$12.50 each.

As reservations continue coming in to the Club's Times Tower suite each day, the Dinner Committee reported an unprecedented response to bids for this year's Club red-letter event. More than 600 persons had subscribed at press time, and Dinner Chairman JOSEF DINE predicted the guest list would soar past the 1,000 mark by Wednesday.

An evening brim-full of entertainment and excitement is promised everyone, the Committee announced. The East Foyer adjoining the Grand Ballroom will be open at 7:15 PM for members and guests who wish to have cocktails before dinner, and again after the dinner, following a precedent established last year. Distinguished guests and Club officers will take their seats at 8 PM sharp. There will be organ music by Dr. C. A. J. Parmentier, famous Waldorf organist.

Among special attractions at the dinner will be a rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner" by Miss Claudia Pinza, bright young soprano who is following closely in the musical footsteps of her illustrious father, Ezio.

Top billing on the program will be shared by seven winners of the 1950 Overseas Press Club Awards and by participants in the dramatic panel discussion, "The Press Looks at U.S. Foreign Policy."

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During the program, four distinguished regional editors will address controversial questions to four Club Members who are foreign affairs experts. With foreign policy as basis for the discussion, a lively debate between the two panel sides is anticipated.

Double highlight of the program will be presentation of the Club's annual awards for distinguished journalism. Among winners to receive engraved bronze plaques are: Marguerite Higgins, New York Herald Tribune, cited for the George Polk Memorial Award (which includes a \$500 honorarium from the Columbia Broadcasting System); Homer Bigart, New York Herald Tribune, for best consistent foreign press reporting; Howard K. Smith, CBS, for best television and radio reporting; HAL BOYLE, Associated Press, for best war reporting -- a new Award category this year; James Reston, the New York Times, for best analysis of foreign news in the press; EDWARD R. MURROW, CBS, for best radio and television interpretation of foreign news; and DAVID DOUGLAS DUNCAN of Life magazine, for best photographic interpretation of foreign news.

Past President LOUIS P. LOCHNER, whose administration is climaxed by this Awards Presentation Dinner, will preside.

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YOUR THUMB-NAIL "WHO'S WHO" *
OF GUESTS ON THE OPC PANEL *

EDWARD R. MURROW, moderator....top CBS news analyst....has won numerous prizes for distinguished radio journalism (two OPC Awards)....narrator of the "Hear It Now" album series.... Lecturer and President, Institute of International Education....

Owens a Phi Beta Kappa key, authored "This Is London"...War correspondent for CBS (which he joined in 1935) from 1939 to 1945....

Harry Bingham, editor, the Louisville Courier-Journal and Times....A magna cum laude from Harvard....Began as reporter in 1930 on the paper he now edits....Also owns and operates Radio Station WHAS....Chief of an ECA mission to France, 1949...Served with the Navy on active duty during the war in European and Pacific waters with rank of Commander....President and editor of his paper since 1945....

Erwin D. Canham, editor, the Christian Science Monitor....Rhodes Scholar...Covered the League of Nations for the Monitor from 1926 to 1928....Chief correspondent at the London Naval Conference in 1930, and Geneva correspondent until 1932....Then headed Washington bureau, until named managing editor in 1941; editor since 1945....Also did stint as radio commentator in 1938, 1939 and 1945....Former president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors....

Mrs. Helen Rogers Reid, president, the New York Herald Tribune....Barnard-educated...Has been with the Herald Tribune since 1918....mother of Publisher WHITELOW REID....named vice-president of New York Tribune, Inc., 1922....Upped to presidency in 1947....Barnard College trustee....

THE CLUB'S PANEL OF MEMBER-EXPERTS will include: HAL BOYLE, Associated Press columnist and war correspondent; Past President BOB CONSIDINE, author, columnist and INS correspondent; H. V. KALTENBORN, NBC news analyst and distinguished "dean of American Radio commentators"; and QUENTIN REYNOLDS, author, radio commentator and editor of United Nations World.

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* BOARD OF GOVERNORS RATIFIES PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENTS *
* TO HEAD VITAL OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB COMMITTEES *

First Governors Meeting Hears Daly Outline
Program for Coming Club Year

At its first meeting, May 8, the Club's newly constituted Board of Governors laid the groundwork for the forthcoming year of OPC progress and heard President JOHN DALY sketch plans for 365 days of energetic Club activity. President DALY proposed to the Board a list of candidates for Committee chairmanships, which the Governors promptly ratified.

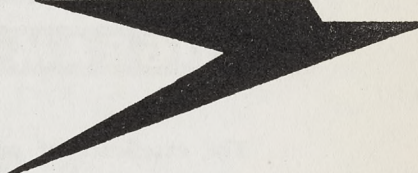
Among those approved to serve as Committee Chairman for 1951-1952 were the following:

Admissions Committee - - - - -	JOHN ELLIOTT
Book Committee - - - - -	DICKSON HARTWELL
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Public Relations Committee - - - - -	LEONARD S. SMITH
Program Committee - - - - -	SANFORD GRIFFITH
Radio & Television Committee - - - - -	MATTHEW HUTTNER
Foreign Journalists Reception Committee -	DANIEL VAN ACKER

No persons will be named for the time being, President DALY announced, to head the Awards, Dinner, Lecture and Washington Liaison Committees. Committee Chairmen, DALY said, are now engaged in completing the formation of their groups. All Members interested in serving on particular Committees, he said, are urged to approach the respective Chairmen at once.

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The Board also heard a recommendation from Chairman BRUNO SHAW of the Freedom of Press and Information Committee that the Club investigate fully the circumstances surrounding the recent closing of the Rome Daily American, of which Member JACK BEGON is publisher. All facts are now being assembled, he said.

SANFORD GRIFFITH, Program Chairman, reported on future program activities and asked that Members with suggestions or ideas for informative or entertaining events communicate with him as soon as possible.

Admissions Committee Chairman JOHN ELLIOTT announced that the following have agreed to serve on the Committee: THEODORE A. EDIGER, MARY HORNADAY, RICHARD THOMAS and CLYDE BROWN. Also the Board elected HAL BOYLE and HENRY GELLERMANN to the Club's Executive Committee.

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: NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS :
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ASSOCIATE: Paul Teetor, editor-manager, The Rotarian magazine (also, general manager, the Revista Rotaria (Spanish edition)). France, August 26, 1926 to July 27, 1927, for New York Herald. Proposed by JACK GLENN; seconded by LELAND D. CASE.

BOARD SUSPENDS SPECIAL
PRIVILEGES FOR GUESTS

Provisions whereby non-Club members could secure Season Cards to attend OPC functions for a \$10 annual subscription were revoked by the Board of Governors this week. Previously announced on March 22, the arrangement opened Club events to persons who could not qualify for any category of OPC membership.

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OUR PRIZE-WINNING COLLEAGUES: Four Overseas Press Club Members this week were honored with 1951 Pulitzer Prize awards for distinguished journalism. The awards carry \$500 and a certificate. For "distinguished reporting on international affairs", prizes went to OPCers RELMAN (Pat) MORIN and DON WHITEHEAD, both of the Associated Press, and KEYES BEECH, Chicago Daily News war correspondent. MAX DESFOR, AP photographer, was cited for his photographic coverage of the Korean war, specifically one shot, "Flight of Refugees Across Wrecked Bridge in Korea"....Congratulations to all!

Also this week, Club Members figured in awards of the Academy of Radio and Television Arts and Sciences. The CBS-TV program emceed by President JOHN DALY, "What's My Line?", was cited as best panel quiz show, while EDWARD R. MURROW received an award for outstanding news interpretation....

In a ceremony at Columbia University last week, five OPCers were presented Freedom Foundation Awards for 1950. They were BRUNO SHAW, WNEW commentator; author VICTOR LASKY; ISAAC DON LEVINE, writer and editor; public relations executive HENRY GELLERMANN; and GLENN NEVILLE, New York Daily Mirror executive editor....

Congratulations to Miami Herald managing editor LEE HILLS, who last week received the honor award for distinguished service in journalism from the University of Missouri! The award was in recognition of HILLS' outstanding efforts in the field of Latin American relations as well as his work in the technical fields of domestic journalism...ARTHUR D. HOLZMAN has returned to the U.S. from the Middle East...Covering the TWWA Textile strike for Labor Press Association and the CIO News last week has been MARY HEATON VORSE...BELLA FROMM recently lectured at the New School on "The Women in Germany"

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The Overseas Press Club regrets to report the death in Camden, N. J., on May 2 of PAUL F. CRANSTON, features editor for the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin. A former Sunday editor of the Bulletin, CRANSTON was a correspondent for the Bulletin and North American Newspaper Alliance in the Southwest Pacific. He suffered a heart attack at Garden State Park, and died shortly thereafter in Cooper Hospital.

ALVIN ROSENFELD and wife, Judy Shepard, have contracted for a "different book" on Israel for spring publication...WCBS-TV's "Margaret Arlen Program" for May 7 heard UN World editor QUENTIN REYNOLDS discuss current affairs....Veteran commentator MARY MARGARET McBRIDE last week celebrated her 17th anniversary on the air. During that time, she has interviewed more than 15,000 persons and read more than 250,000 fan letters each year. Congratulations!!!.....

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BELGRADE DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- This Central European capital is still a mecca for visiting firemen. Among recent correspondents here: ROBERT LUBAR of Time (running a shuttle service between Frankfurt and Belgrade with Eric Gibbs); Karl-Axel Tunberger of the

Stockholm Dagens Nyheter, Michael Richards of the Daily Telegraph (who is considering shifting headquarters from Trieste to Belgrade), Guy Hadley of BBC, who has just moved here from Athens--over the mountains from Athens in a red jeep! Due next week are two newsmen from London who decided to spend their vacations in the Yugoslav wilderness - Hal Melahn of UP, and the News Chronicle's Pat Sargent....

One feature of the usual visiting-fireman routine is temporarily lacking, because Marshal Tito has been bedded down with gripe and, now, with the aftermath of a gallstones operation. So no interviews for the moment. The Yugoslavs are generous with Tito interviews for the short-term men here, but made resident correspondents wait years for theirs....

Hadley's transfer has raised the permanent foreign press corps here to 12. Besides Guy and myself, there are Alex Singleton of AP; Ronnie Preston of Reuters; Edmond Marco, AFP; Terra of Ansa; Halperin of the Neu Zuericher Zeitung; Gaston Coblentz of the New York Herald Tribune; the New York Times' Meyer Handler; Eric Bourne for the Daily Express; Ladi Michel of the Corriere di Trieste and Brnov of Tass. Brnov is a very unhappy man -- doomed to stay in Belgrade indefinitely because the authorities won't issue a visa for a successor, although they refrain from throwing him out!

Let's settle this Greek-border-to-Yugoslavia controversy once and for all -- by reminding everyone concerned that I wrote that Constantine Hadjiargyris was the first Greek correspondent to cross on a regular visa. One or two went through on transit visas before him, but as far as he or I could discover he was the first Greek to make the regular trip (Reference to Bulletin item, March 15. Identification of Hadjiargyris as a Greek correspondent unfortunately was missing from the original copy -- Editor)....Here's another "first" while we're about it. This week the first Japanese visited Yugoslavia since the war -- Saburo Hayashi, assistant foreign editor of the Tokyo newspaper, Mainichi. He has spent several months in the U.S. and is touring Europe en route home. Says Japan has no regular foreign correspondents abroad yet, so he had to make his trip on some kind of deal whereby he went to "study" in the UP's New York Office.-- (HELEN FISHER).

TOKYO DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- New public information officer for the United Nations and Far East Commands is Col. G. P. (Pat) Welch, of New York City, who succeeds another "Pat", Col. M. P. Echols, recently reassigned to the U.S. The Tokyo Correspondents Club will shortly have an informal luncheon for Colonel Welch -- as was arranged for Lt. Col. James Quirk, press advisor to General Ridgway. Colonel Quirk is on a short-term loan to the Army from his desk as promotion manager at the Philadelphia Inquirer....

The Club outdid itself on April 28 with a sumptuous Italian dinner, where a Japanese band played "O Sole Mio" and other Italian members....Frank H. King, AP general executive, now touring the Far East to survey wartime coverage for the agency...Expected shortly is Bert Andrews of the New York Herald Tribune's Washington bureau....Leo Ferrero of INS has left for the U.S. to become Los Angeles bureau chief....

Recent arrivals include: Charles M. d'Ydewalle, Le Nation Belge; Robert W. Gibson, United Press; James Lucas, Scripps-Howard; and Robert C. Pierpoint of CBS. -- (JACOBUS TenBERGE).

VIENNA DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- U.S. press and radio corps stationed here had its biggest burst of activity in months with the release from a Hungarian Communist prison of IT&T executive Robert Vogeler. The State Department warned the press a week ahead that negotiations were completed, and Vogeler would come out sometime soon. However, exact details were carefully guarded to prevent repetition of a recent incident when a premature break by columnist Drew Pearson broke an agreement of Vienna correspondents who knew the story for days and had agreed to wait. The Magyars cancelled the deal at once -- that time....

The morning of April 28 U.S. Minister Donnelly revealed an American was en route to bring the released prisoner to Vienna. A mob of reporters and cameramen descended on Vogeler's house where his attractive wife and kids were waiting. On Vogeler's arrival in a pouring rain, he was mobbed, but disappeared into the house where an IT&T representative barred the press, saying he would bring out anything Vogeler wanted to say. Press protested volubly, especially in view of the year-and-a-half efforts it had made to support the release campaign. When Minister Donnelly arrived, he listened sympathetically and soon brought Vogeler himself to the veranda for a brief and dramatic interview...

This was tape-recorded by pooled CBS-NBC facilities operated by CBS' ALEXANDER KENDRICK. B Both networks had been on the air with descriptions direct to the nets within a half hour of Vogeler's actual arrival...

A few hours later, Vogeler -- with wife and Donnelly at his side -- submitted to an hour-long interview at the Legation. This, too, was recorded. But the real radio-TV cleanup was scored by NBC's JONES twins who flew in from Paris early the next morning in a special plane. In a fast day's work, backstopped by regular NBCer JOSEF ISRAEL II, they wrapped up complete coverage -- including talks by Donnelly, the consular official who picked up Vogeler at the frontier and the entire Vogeler family. This took in a strong anti-Red message from the prisoner, whose strained face and manner, verging on a breakdown, added greatly to the stories. Live network appearances skedded for the same afternoon had to be cancelled when doctors wouldn't let Vogeler make the trip to the transmitter. CBS-TV also got coverage, shot silent with commentary by Marvin Stone, Vienna INS correspondent....

JONES boys coverage was flown at once to Frankfurt where connection was made with a Pan-American clipper. It delayed for their arrival and thus made possible a showing in the U.S. within 24 hours. -- (JOSEF ISRAEL II).

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